

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice and new claims 15-21 added.

The pending claims now comprise claims 9-13 that have been allowed, and new claims 15-21, which correspond in scope to claims 2-8 except that they depend on allowed claim 9.

Hence, Claims 9-13 and 15-21 are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

For completeness' sake, it is noted that new formal drawings were submitted on or about 8/3/04. It would be appreciated if the Examiner would acknowledge their receipt and her approval.

Favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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